Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

24. (New) Apparatus for enabling a conflict resolution among two or more parties, comprising:

a set of instructions including a script to be read by at least one of the two or more parties, the script including a plurality of phrases, each phrase corresponding to the beginning of a respective statement;

a portable object to be disposed at a location selected for the two or more parties to physically position themselves with respect to the object for engaging in a discussion;

said instructions and script being contained within a package..

25. (New) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 24, wherein the portable object is a rug.

26. (New) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 24, wherein the portable object is a sheet.

27. (New) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 24, wherein the package is portable.

28. (New) A conflict resolution process for enabling a conflict between two or more parties to be resolved comprising defining a conflict resolution area, providing said two or more parties with a prepared script and set of instructions to be followed in connection with said script and a portable object contained in a package;

opening the package to remove the script and portable object;

locating the portable object at a specific location and positioning the parties in close proximity to each other at said location, reading by one of the two or more

parties to another of the two or more parties a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and

repeating said step of reading by each remaining party of the two or more parties until all parties present have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict resolution area in order to resolve their conflict.

29. (New) The method set forth in Claim 28, further comprising developing a plan with the agreement of each of the two or more parties for improving their inter-parties relations.

30. (New) The method set forth in Claim 29, further comprising articulating the plan for achieving said improved inter-parties relations and confirming the articulated plan by each party.

31. (New) The method set forth in Claim 28, wherein the set of statements includes a first statement describing an action taken by one of the parties not a speaker, a second statement describing a feeling on the part of the speaker as to the effect the action had on the speaker at the time the action occurred, and a third statement describing a request on the part of the speaker, directed to said one of the parties not the speaker, in connection with the action.

32. (New) A conflict resolution kit for resolving conflicts among two or more parties comprising:

a portable object for use as a physical and symbolic focus for convening a conflict resolution discussion at a specific location;

a set of instructions for use in association with said portable object for encouraging participants involved in a mutual conflict to encourage each other to physically convene around the portable object at said specific location and mutually encourage each other to reach a resolution of a conflict; and

a container for packaging the portable object and set of instructions.

33. (New) The kit of Claim 32, wherein the set of instructions include a plurality of statements to be read including a first statement describing an action taken by one of the parties not the speaker, a second statement describing a feeling on the part of the speaker as to the effect the action had on the speaker at the time the action occurred, and a third statement describing a request on the part of the speaker to the perpetrator of the action in connection with the action.

34. (New) The kit of Claim 32, wherein the container is configured to house the portable object and instructions and to enable the portable object to be carried to various site locations.

35. (New) The kit of Claim 32 wherein the portable object is a rug.

36. (New) The kit of Claim 32 wherein the portable object is a sheet.

37. (New) The kit of claim 32 wherein the portable object is soft and pliable.